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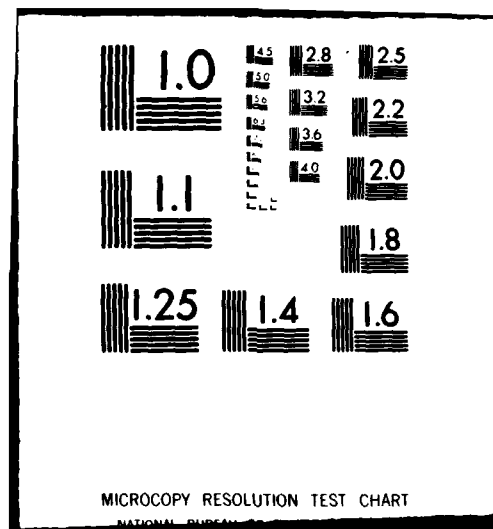
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BACKGROUND

The Immunoparasitology Department at the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) is involved in research centered primarily on the development of effective vaccines against several parasitic diseases. Immunological research in one such disease, schistosomiasis, is particularly difficult due to the limited quantity of schistosomal materials available to most laboratories. It has been the objective of this contract to supply large quantities of schistosomal materials to investigators at NMRI and the Biomedical Research Institute (BRI) to help realize the goal for the development of an effective vaccine against schistosomiasis. The various materials provided included adult schistosomes, eggs, cercariae, schistosomules, cercarial penetration enzymes, and vertebrate and invertebrate host serum and tissues.

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METHODOLOGY

A Puerto Rican strain of Schistosoma mansoni was maintained in Biomphalaria glabrata snails and Swiss albino mice. Uninfected snails were raised in six 20-gallon aquaria. Approximately 200 snails (5-7mm dia.) were collected each week and exposed individually with 6-8 miracidia. When requested, snails were exposed to 1 miracidium each for development of single-sex schistosomal infections. Miracidia were derived from livers of 8-week infected mice. A constant supply of approximately 400 infected snails was maintained for production of cercariae. Weekly yields of from 1 to 3 million cercariae were processed as needed or used for experimental work.


Adult parasites were perfused from 30 mice per week and used for production of adult worm antigens. Due to reduction in funds, compared to previous years, no schistosome eggs, schistosomules, or cercarial secretion enzymes were collected on a regular basis for investigators at NMRI.



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This list of investigators at NMRI and BRI for whom schistosomal materials were supplied by the contract is given in Appendix 1. Materials supplied each week consisted of 1 to 3 million cercariae, and approximately 3000 adult worms. Populations of cercariae of a single-sex were supplied as requested.

Due to the aforementioned reduction in funding for FY 80 research involving the nature of fluctuations encountered in cercarial harvests and infectivity was not supported. Basic investigations into the details of life cycle maintenance and the problems encountered were supported by separate funding.



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Appendix 1.

List of Investigators Supplied with Schistosomal materials on Contract ONR N00014-76-C-0146.

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